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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear DOJ:

Pursuant to the Tunney Act, I am submitting my opposition to the proposed settlement RE: DOJ vs Microsoft.

If Microsoft is permitted to "donate" its services, software, and hardware to schools, they will be effectively locking out competition at the root of social and economic structure.

By permitting Microsoft to donate to schools, the Department of Justice is actively facilitating the exclusive promotion of Microsoft products, further enhancing Microsoft's already gargantuan monopoly over technology and the internet. From the viewpoint of Microsoft, it is the best sweetheart deal ever.

Level the playing field, escrow a couple billion in cash, donate it to whatever technology schools and inner-city groups see fit via an independent non-profit foundation.

A cash settlement is the only real, fair, and appropriate option.

Sincerely,
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